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As you may be aware, the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care met yesterday to review a final report with recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly. While the recommendations are worthwhile as a whole, one recommendation specific to restructuring More at Four (MAF) payments is significant in ensuring the sustainability of classrooms serving MAF children across the state.

The report noted defined, differentiated rates for Head Start, private child care, and public schools. Note that while the state will be moving to defined rates, the rates published in the report are in no way final. It is the intent of this office to present to the State Board of Education a rate structure that will adequately support MAF classrooms to meet the state standards defined for the program. While resources will be redirected, this office will work to ensure the sustainability of the state-funded pre-kindergarten delivery system currently in place.

More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you,

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